



Do You Have What It Takes to Drive In The Great State of Texas?

Become a Registered Texas Driver

New to the Lone Star State? Welcome to Texas! State law requires that you have your vehicle insured, inspected and registered within 30 days of moving to Texas. Otherwise, you could be in for an unscheduled meeting with one of our fine law enforcement officials! Follow the steps below, in the order that they are listed, to become a legal driver in the great state of Texas.

Step 1: Meet the State of Texas Insurance Requirements

Make sure that your insurance meets the 30/60/25 liability coverage requirements. That means your insurance covers a minimum of \$30,000 per injured person, up to a total of \$60,000 for everyone injured in an accident and \$25,000 for property damage. You must bring your insurance card when you have your car inspected and registered. Proof of insurance is also required to receive your Texas driver's license. To learn more about Texas insurance requirements, visit: tdi.texas.gov/pubs/consumer/cb020.html

You must have printed proof of financial responsibility (insurance) with you when completing steps 2, 3 and 4.

Step 2: Get Your Vehicle Inspected

Take your car, truck, motorcycle or trailer to a certified Department of Public Safety (DPS) inspection station. Many mechanic shops, full-service gas stations and oil change locations offer state inspections. Here is link to a helpful online tool for finding certified inspection stations by city, county or zip code: dps.texas.gov/rsd/vi/viactivestationlocator/default.aspx

Documents to bring to the inspection station:

- ▶ Proof of insurance, verifying that you carry the minimum required amount of insurance coverage.

Fees to be paid:

- ▶ All inspections include a comprehensive safety inspection. However, some counties require an emissions test in addition to the safety inspection. The inspection cost is determined by the county of registration and the type of inspection required.
- ▶ Your inspection fee is paid in two parts: the inspection station's portion of the fee is due at the time of inspection and the state's portion is collected at the time of registration. For a list of inspection costs by county and inspection type, visit: dps.texas.gov/rsd/vi/costofinsp.htm

Step 3: Register Your Vehicle

Next, it's time to get your vehicle registration sticker and license plates. To do this, you must visit your local county tax office.

Documents to bring to the tax office:

- ▶ Proof of insurance, verifying that you carry the minimum required amount of insurance coverage.
- ▶ Texas DPS Vehicle Inspection Report, with an original signature.
- ▶ Proof of vehicle ownership, such as the original title or the vehicle's most recent registration receipt. If there is a lien holder on the vehicle, you must also provide the lien holder name, complete address and the first lien date.
- ▶ Valid photo identification
- ▶ Your completed application for Texas title and/or registration. You may download the application here: tax-office.traviscountytexas.gov/images/tax_assessor/pdfs/vehicles/MV_VTRI30U.pdf

Fees to be paid:

- ▶ New Resident Fee \$90
- ▶ Title Application Fee \$33
- ▶ Registration Fee \$63.25
- ▶ State Inspection Fee..... \$10.25
- ▶ Processing and Handling Fee..... \$4.75

This is what you can expect to pay, per vehicle you own, for first-time registration.

Step 4: Get a State of Texas Driver's License

You have 90 days from the time you move to Texas to obtain a Texas driver's license. Prior to the end of the 90-day grace period, you must apply for a Texas license in person at a driver's license office. Visit this website to search for the driver's license office nearest you: dps.texas.gov/administration/driver_licensing_control/rolodex/search.asp

Documents to bring to the driver's license office:

- ▶ Proof of U.S. citizenship or lawful presence status
- ▶ Proof of Texas residency
- ▶ Proof of identity
- ▶ Social Security Number
- ▶ Proof of Texas vehicle registration and insurance for each vehicle you own
*Visit this link for examples of the above-listed documents: dps.texas.gov/internetforms/Forms/DL-57.pdf
- ▶ Completed driver's license application. You may download the application form here: dps.texas.gov/internetforms/Forms/DL-14A.pdf

Fees to be paid:

- ▶ For a complete list of license types and fees, please visit: dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/fees.htm